

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LA PAZ 02649 141727Z

65-61

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 OMB-01 AID-05 EB-07 COME-00 DODE-00

PM-03 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 SS-15 NSC-05 L-02 TRSE-00

/056 W

----- 002650

R 141630Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6345

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LA PAZ 2649

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS BL

SUBJECT: FY 75 FMS CREDIT FOR BOLIVIA

1. BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL BERNAL TOLD ME APRIL 12 THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ABOUT FY 75 ALLOCATIONS OF FMS FOR BOLIVIA. HE ASKED ME WHAT I THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS WERE FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE THE GOB HAD REQUESTED. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THERE WERE COMPETING REQUIREMENTS OF A HIGH PRIORITY NATURE FOR FMS IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. I INDICATED THAT WHILE I HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO FY 75 DISTRIBUTION OF FMS CREDITS, I FELT THAT THIS STATEMENT CLEARLY POINTED TO DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING BOLIVIA WITH THE INCREASED AMOUNT HE WAS INTERESTED IN FOR EQUIPPING THE MILITARY HOSPITAL. I ASKED HIM WHETHER THERE WERE ANY COMMERCIAL OR BANK CREDIT OFFERS. GENERAL BERNAL SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED SOME PROPOSALS BUT DID NOT WISH TO EXPLOIT THEM SERIOUSLY UNTIL HE HAD AN ANSWER FROM THE U.S. ON FY 75 FMS. HE STRESSED THAT THE IMPORTANT THING FOR HIM NOW WAS TO KNOW WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE CREDITS. HE WOULD LIKE TO DEAL ON A MILITARY-TO MILITARY BASIS AND TO HAVE THE LOWER INTEREST RATE TO BE PROVIDED BY FMS, BUT IF WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE CREDITS, THEN HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE BEST POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL OFFERS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LA PAZ 02649 141727Z

2. IN VIEW OF GENERAL BERANL'S VERY REASONABLE AND
CALM ATTITUDE, IT SEEMS TO BE IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO PROVIDE
THE BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES, THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE INFORMATION ON OUR FINAL FY 75
FMS ALLOCATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF ANY
COMMUNICATIONS PASSED TO THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY.
STEDMAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY SALES, MILITARY CREDIT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LAPAZ02649
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750130-0411
From: LA PAZ
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750453/aaaabxey.tel
Line Count: 68
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <18 DEC 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FY 75 FMS CREDIT FOR BOLIVIA
TAGS: MASS, BL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006